

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 9 are canceled, and new claims 10 through 28 are added. These new claims better define Applicants' invention, and Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim 10, for example, recites a system comprising a subscription management server and an application management server. The art cited in the May 12, 2004 Office Action does not teach or render obvious these two elements.

Additionally, independent claims 11, 19 and 28 recite methods that are novel and nonobvious in light of the prior art cited in the May 12, 2004 Office Action. Claim 11, for example, recites the following three elements, in addition to several other elements:

storing, at a subscription management server, a list of available software applications available from a plurality of application service providers;

storing an indication of which software application corresponds to which of the plurality of application service providers;

identifying, at the subscription management server, which application service provider corresponds to the requested software application.

The art cited in the May 12, 2004 Office Action does not teach or render obvious any of these three elements, whether taken individually or in combination with the other elements of the claim. Accordingly, the cited art does not anticipate or render obvious claim 11 or any corresponding dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

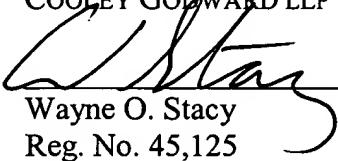
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that no further impediments exist to the allowance of this application and, therefore, solicit an indication

of allowability. However, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned if any question or comments arise.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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